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Sir:

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DE 198 21 718 corresponds to U.S.S.N No. 09/079,222 a copy of which is submitted herewith.

JPA 9-278954 corresponds to U.S.S.N No. 08/973,029 a copy of which is submitted herewith.

English language abstracts of JPA No.'s 6-9836, 7-138421, 6-192500 and 6-192506 are submitted herewith and constitute concise statements of relevance.

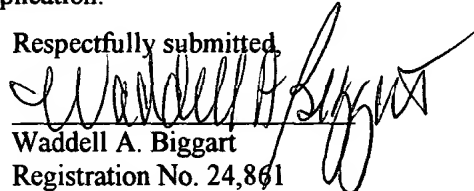
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JPA 51-136735 is disclosed on page 2 in the specification of the above-identified application.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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